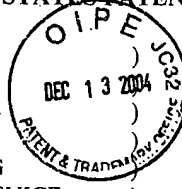


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EP 0 426 895 B1 is relevant in that it discloses a self-locking fastening device. An English translation of the abstract is attached.

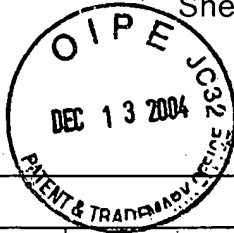
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